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Mr. Randy Bates
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Dear Mr. Bates:

Via Fax: 907-465-3075

I do not have the time to review the proposed regulations you are working on. But I would like you to know that we've noticed a problem in Nome with the DGC review process. One of our shareholders submitted an Annual Placer Mining Application to the DNR in May 2001. A coastal zone review was handled by DGC, it took four months. He did not get an o.k. to proceed to do a small placer mining operation until the middle of September. The ground and water was already freezing.

We thought placer mining was under the "A" Category in the Bering Straits Coastal Management Program area. The project was 20 miles north of Nome and should have been consistent with the BSCMP and should have not taken that much time for the administrative review.

Please review your proposed regulations to see if the new regulations would correct this situation.

Sincerely,



Irene Anderson
Land Manager